

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

It is difficult to understand how normal citizens would benefit from the cap removal. In the short run, business may get some terrific profits or other benefits which may or may not be passed on to the consumer. But, in the end, we move a step closer to communism as companies like AOL Time Warner and Microsoft try to "take over the world." Please do not be swayed by those who claim this is a patriotic move or that big companies would never 'control' the news media. It may not happen today, but it will. That's exactly why the cable ownership cap was put in place, and exactly why it should remain in place.